### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MCALLEN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
v.	§	CASE NO. 7:20-CV-290
	§	
0.549 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR	§	
LESS, SITUATE IN STARR COUNTY,	§	
STATE OF TEXAS; AND SABINO	§	
ALVAREZ, JR., et al.	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

### **COMPLAINT IN CONDEMNATION**

- 1. This is a civil action brought by the United States of America at the request of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, through the Acquisition Program Manager, Wall Program Management Office, U.S. Border Patrol Program Management Office Directorate, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, for the taking of property under the power of eminent domain through a Declaration of Taking, and for the determination and award of just compensation to the owners and parties in interest.
- 2. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1358.
- 3. The interest in property taken herein is under and in accordance with the authority set forth in Schedule "A."
- 4. The public purpose for which said interest in property is taken is set forth in Schedule "B."

5. The legal description and map or plat of land in which certain interests are being acquired by the filing of this Complaint, pursuant to the Declaration of Taking, are set forth in

Schedules "C" and "D."

6. The interest being acquired in the property described in Schedules "C" and "D" is

set forth in Schedule "E."

7. The amount of just compensation estimated for the property interest being acquired

is set forth in Schedule "F."

8. The names and addresses of known parties having or claiming an interest in said

acquired property are set forth in Schedule "G."

9. Local and state taxing authorities may have or claim an interest in the property by

reason of taxes and assessments due and eligible.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests judgment that the interest described in Schedule "E" of

the property described in Schedules "C" and "D" be condemned, and that just compensation for

the taking of said interest be ascertained and awarded, and for such other relief as may be lawful

and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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## SCHEDULE A

### **SCHEDULE A**

### **AUTHORITY FOR THE TAKING**

The property is taken under and in accordance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3113 and 3114, which authorize the condemnation of land and the filing of a Declaration of Taking; the Act of Congress approved September 30, 1996, as Public Law 104-208, Division C, Section 102, 110 Stat. 3009-546, 3009-554-55, as amended and codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1103(b) & note; and the Act of Congress approved February 15, 2019, as Public Law 116-6, div. A, tit. II, Section 230, 133 Stat. 13, which appropriated the funds that shall be used for the taking.

# SCHEDULE B

## SCHEDULE B

## PUBLIC PURPOSE

The public purpose for which said property is taken is to construct, install, operate, and maintain roads, fencing, vehicle barriers, security lighting, cameras, sensors, and related structures designed to help secure the United States/Mexico border within the State of Texas.

## SCHEDULE C

### **SCHEDULE C**

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Starr County, Texas

Tract: RGV-RGC-5046

Owner: Sabino Alvarez, Jr., et al.

Acres: 0.549

**BEING** a 0.549 acre tract (23,910 square feet) parcel of land, more or less, being out of a called 3.261 acre tract, recorded in Document No. 1936-4878, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to the known and unknown heirs of Vidala Garcia Vda De Gonzalez and the known and unknown heirs of Ofilia Gonzalez, said tract being a part of Share 18-A, Porcion 71, Ancient Jurisdiction of Camargo, Mexico, now Starr County, Texas, said 0.549 acre tract (23,910 square feet) parcel of land being more particularly described as follows;

**COMMENCING:** at a point having a coordinate value of N=16665491.822,

E=846906.128, said point being the northeast corner of said known and unknown heirs of Vidala Garcia Vda De Gonzalez and known and unknown heirs of Ofilia Gonzalez tract, the northeast corner of said Share 18-A, the northwest corner of a called 2.434 acre tract, recorded in Document No's. 2015-321587 and 2006-256655, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to Mark A. Perez, the northwest corner of a called 1.738 acre tract, recorded in Document No. 1936-4878, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to the known and unknown heirs of Donaciano Garcia and the northwest corner of a called 1.696 acre tract, recorded in Document No. 1936-4878, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to the known and unknown heir of Refugio Muniz De Garcia and the northwest corner of Share 17-A, Porcion 71;

THENCE: S 17°55'47" W, along the east line of said known and unknown heirs of Vidala Garcia Vda De Gonzalez and known and unknown heirs of Ofilia Gonzalez tract, the east line of said Share 18-A, the west line of said Mark A. Perez, et al tract and the west line of said Share 17-A, a distance of 80.05 feet to a set 5/8" rebar with a "B&F Engineering, Inc." aluminum cap stamped "RGV-RGC-5046-1=RGV-RGC-5047-1" for the POINT OF BEGINNING, said point having a coordinate value of N=16665415.659, E=846881.485, said point being the northeast corner of the herein described proposed acquisition tract, said point also being S 62°26'30" E, a distance of 526.40 feet from United States Corps of Engineers Control Point No. SS10-2019 ("B&F Engineering, Inc." aluminum cap in concrete);

**THENCE**: S 17°55'47" W, along the east line of said known and unknown heirs of Vidala Garcia Vda De Gonzalez and known and unknown heirs of Ofilia Gonzalez tract, the east line of said Share 18-A, the west line of said Mark A. Perez, et al tract and the west line of said Share 17-A, a distance of 200.92 feet to a set 5/8" rebar with a "B&F

### **SCHEDULE C (continued)**

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Starr County, Texas

Engineering, Inc." aluminum cap stamped "RGV-RGC-5046-2=RGV-RGC-5047-4" for the southeast corner of the herein described proposed acquisition tract;

THENCE: N 66°34'32" W, departing the east line of said known and unknown heirs of Vidala Garcia Vda De Gonzalez and known and unknown heirs of Ofilia Gonzalez tract, the east line of said Share 18-A, the west line of said Mark A. Perez, et al tract and the west line of said Share 17-A, over and across said known and unknown heirs of Vidala Garcia Vda De Gonzalez and known and unknown heirs of Ofilia Gonzalez tract and said Share 18-A, a distance of 119.55 feet to a set 5/8" rebar with a "B&F Engineering, Inc." aluminum cap stamped "RGV-RGC-5045-3=RGV-RGC-5046-3" for the southwest corner of the herein described proposed acquisition tract, said point being on the west line of said known and unknown heirs of Vidala Garcia Vda De Gonzalez and known and unknown heirs of Ofilia Gonzalez tract, the west line of said Share 18-A, the east line of a called 1.354 acre tract, recorded in Document No's. 1969-74119 and 1936-4878, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to the unknown heirs of Sabino Alvarez and the known and unknown heirs of Guadalupe Gonzalez and the east line of Share 19-A, Porcion 71;

**THENCE**: N 17°55'47" E, along the west line of said known and unknown heirs of Vidala Garcia Vda De Gonzalez and known and unknown heirs of Ofilia Gonzalez tract, the west line of said Share 18-A, the east line of said unknown heirs of Sabino Alvarez, et al tract and the east line of said Share 19-A, a distance of 200.92 feet to a set 5/8" rebar with a "B&F Engineering, Inc." aluminum cap stamped "RGV-RGC-5045-2=RGV-RGC-5046-4" for the northwest corner of the herein described proposed acquisition tract;

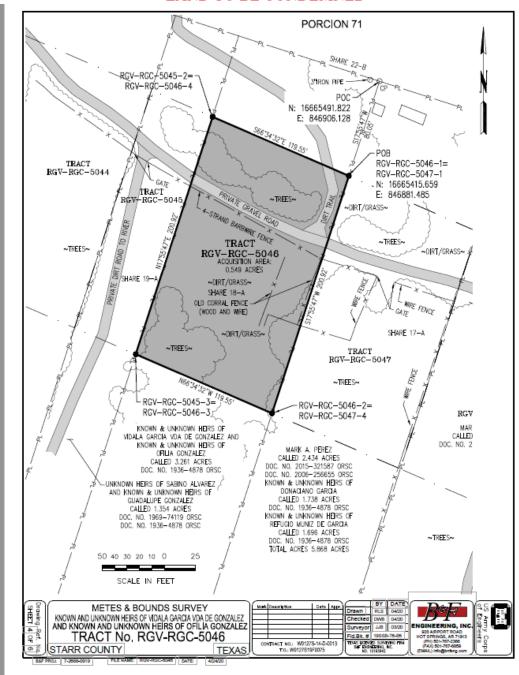
THENCE: S 66°34'32" E, departing the west line of said known and unknown heirs of Vidala Garcia Vda De Gonzalez and known and unknown heirs of Ofilia Gonzalez tract, the west line of said Share 18-A, the east line of said unknown heirs of Sabino Alvarez, et al tract and the east line of said Share 19-A, over and across said known and unknown heirs of Vidala Garcia Vda De Gonzalez and known and unknown heirs of Ofilia Gonzalez tract and said Share 18-A, a distance of 119.55 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING** and containing 0.549 acres (23,910 square feet) parcel of land, more or less.

# SCHEDULE D

### **SCHEDULE D**

### MAP or PLAT

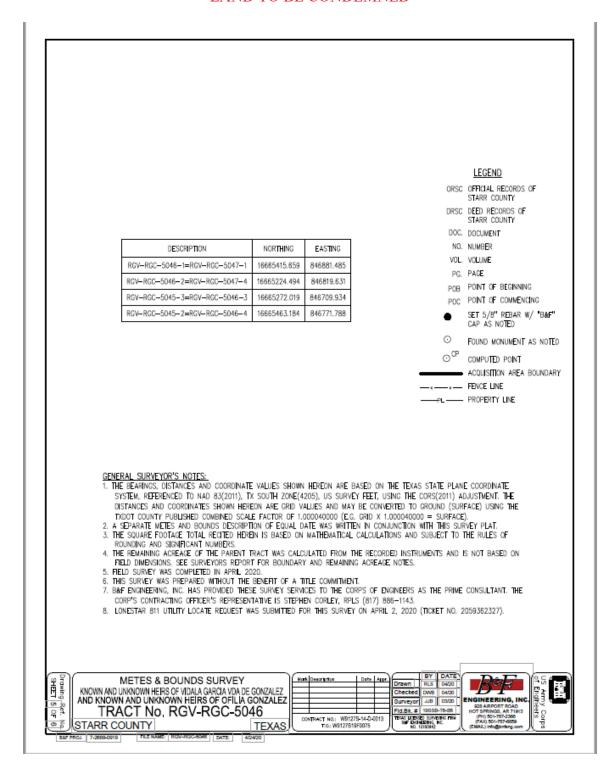
### LAND TO BE CONDEMNED



### **SCHEDULE D (continued)**

### MAP or PLAT

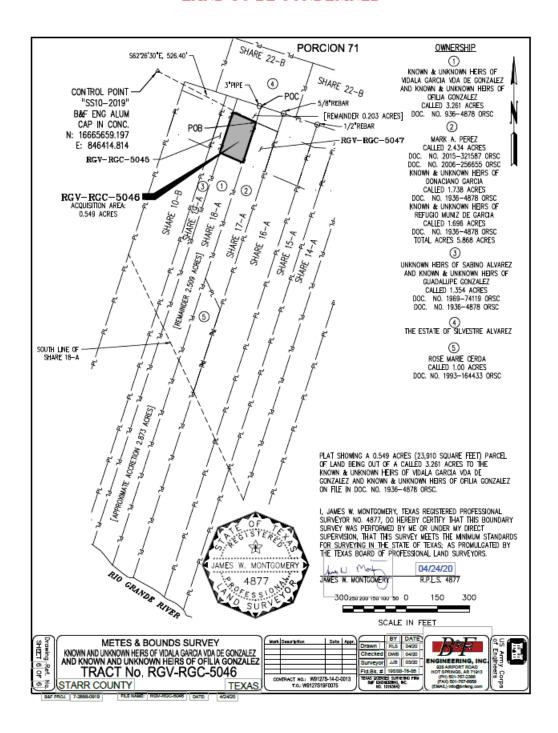
### LAND TO BE CONDEMNED



### **SCHEDULE D (continued)**

### MAP or PLAT

### LAND TO BE CONDEMNED



## SCHEDULE E

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### **ESTATE TAKEN**

Starr County, Texas

Tract: RGV-RGC-5046

Owner: Sabino Alvarez, Jr., et al.

Acres: 0.549

The estate taken is fee simple, subject to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads, and pipelines; and subject to all interests in minerals and appurtenant rights for exploration, development, production and removal of said minerals;

Reserving to the owners of land described in conveyance recorded on March 4, 1936, in Volume 88, Page 361, Document No. 1936-4878, Official Records of Starr County, Texas, reasonable access to and from the owners' lands lying between the Rio Grande River and the border barrier through opening(s) or gate(s) in the border barrier between the westernmost mark labeled "Beginning" and easternmost mark labeled "Ending" depicted on the map below;

Excepting and excluding all interests in water rights and water distribution and drainage systems, if any, provided that any surface rights arising from such water rights or systems are subordinated to the United States' construction, operation, and maintenance of the border barrier.

## **SCHEDULE E (continued)**

## ESTATE TAKEN



# SCHEDULE F

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## ESTIMATE OF JUST COMPENSATION

The sum estimated as just compensation for the land being taken is EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$8,216.00), to be deposited herewith in the Registry of the Court for the use and benefit of the persons entitled thereto.

# SCHEDULE G

### **SCHEDULE G**

### **INTERESTED PARTIES**

The following table identifies all persons who have or claim an interest in the property condemned and whose names are now known, indicating the nature of each person's property interest(s) as indicated by references in the public records and any other information available to the United States. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 71.1(c).

Interested Party	Reference
Sabino Alvarez, Jr.	Est. of Ofilia Gonzalez
	VIA
Rio Grande City, Texas 78582	Final Decree of Partition
•	Document # 1936-4878
	Recorded March 4, 1936
	Deed Records of Starr County, Texas
Manuel Alvarez	Est. of Ofilia Gonzalez
	VIA
Rio Grande City, Texas 78582	Final Decree of Partition
	Document # 1936-4878
	Recorded March 4, 1936
	Deed Records of Starr County, Texas
Maria Guadalupe Morales Perez	Est. of Ofilia Gonzalez
	VIA
Rio Grande City, Texas 78582	Final Decree of Partition
	Document # 1936-4878
	Recorded March 4, 1936
A 1. Al 7 .	Deed Records of Starr County, Texas
Armandina Alvarez Longoria	Est. of Ofilia Gonzalez VIA
McAllen, Texas 78501	Final Decree of Partition
McAllell, Texas 76501	Document # 1936-4878
	Recorded March 4, 1936
	Deed Records of Starr County, Texas
Marta Alvarez Gaines aka Martha	Est. of Ofilia Gonzalez
Alvarez Gaines	VIA
THE SWITTER STATES	Final Decree of Partition
Rio Grande City, Texas 78582	Document # 1936-4878
	Recorded March 4, 1936
	Deed Records of Starr County, Texas
Eloisa Alvarez Perez	Est. of Ofilia Gonzalez
	VIA
Houston, Texas 77012	Final Decree of Partition
	Document # 1936-4878
	Recorded March 4, 1936
	Deed Records of Starr County, Texas

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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Roland D. Ramos, US Attorney's Office, SDTX 1701 W. Bus. Hwy 83 Suite 600 McAllen, TX 78501		SES)	County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Starr  (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)  NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.  Attorneys (If Known)				
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